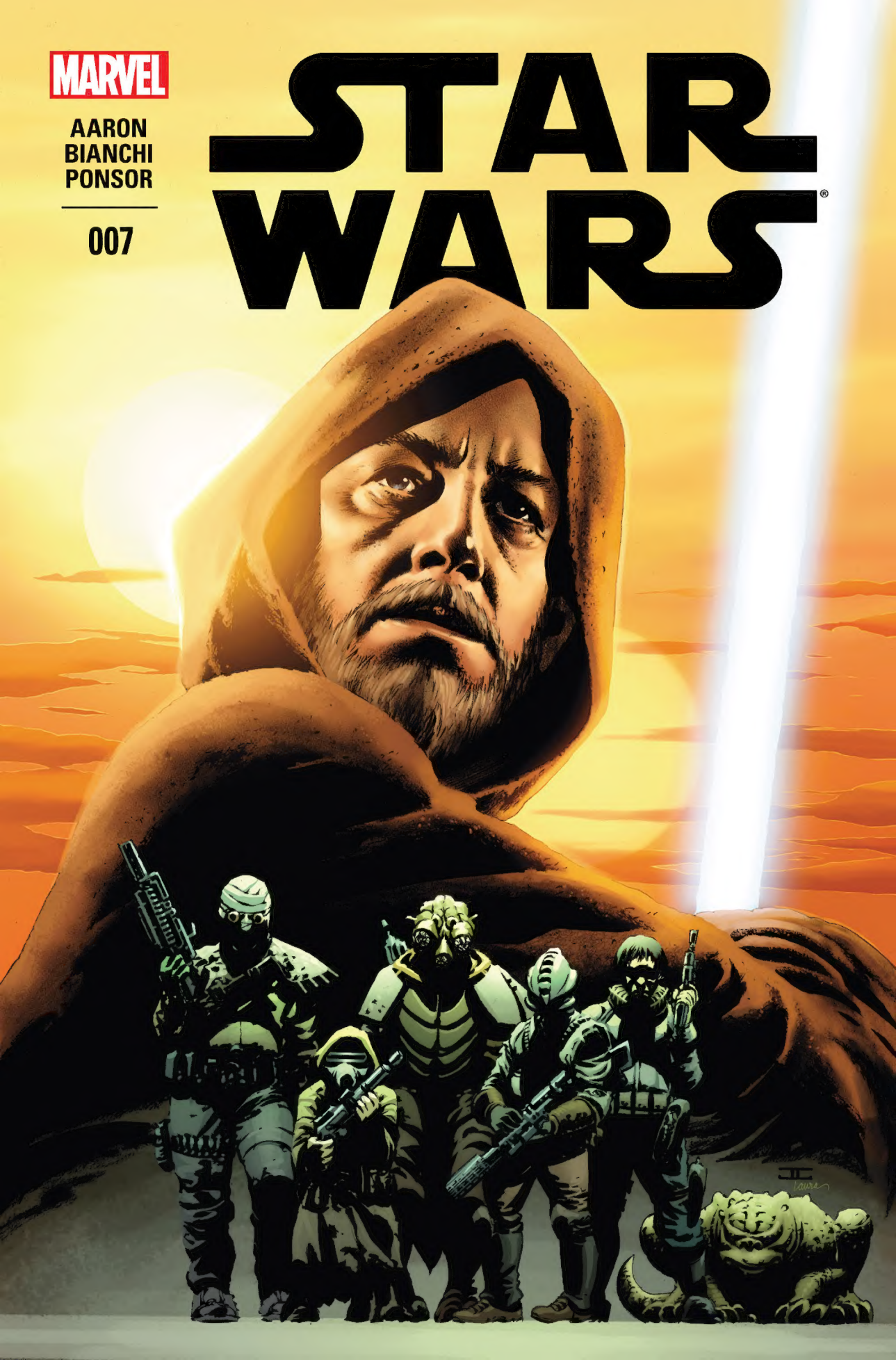
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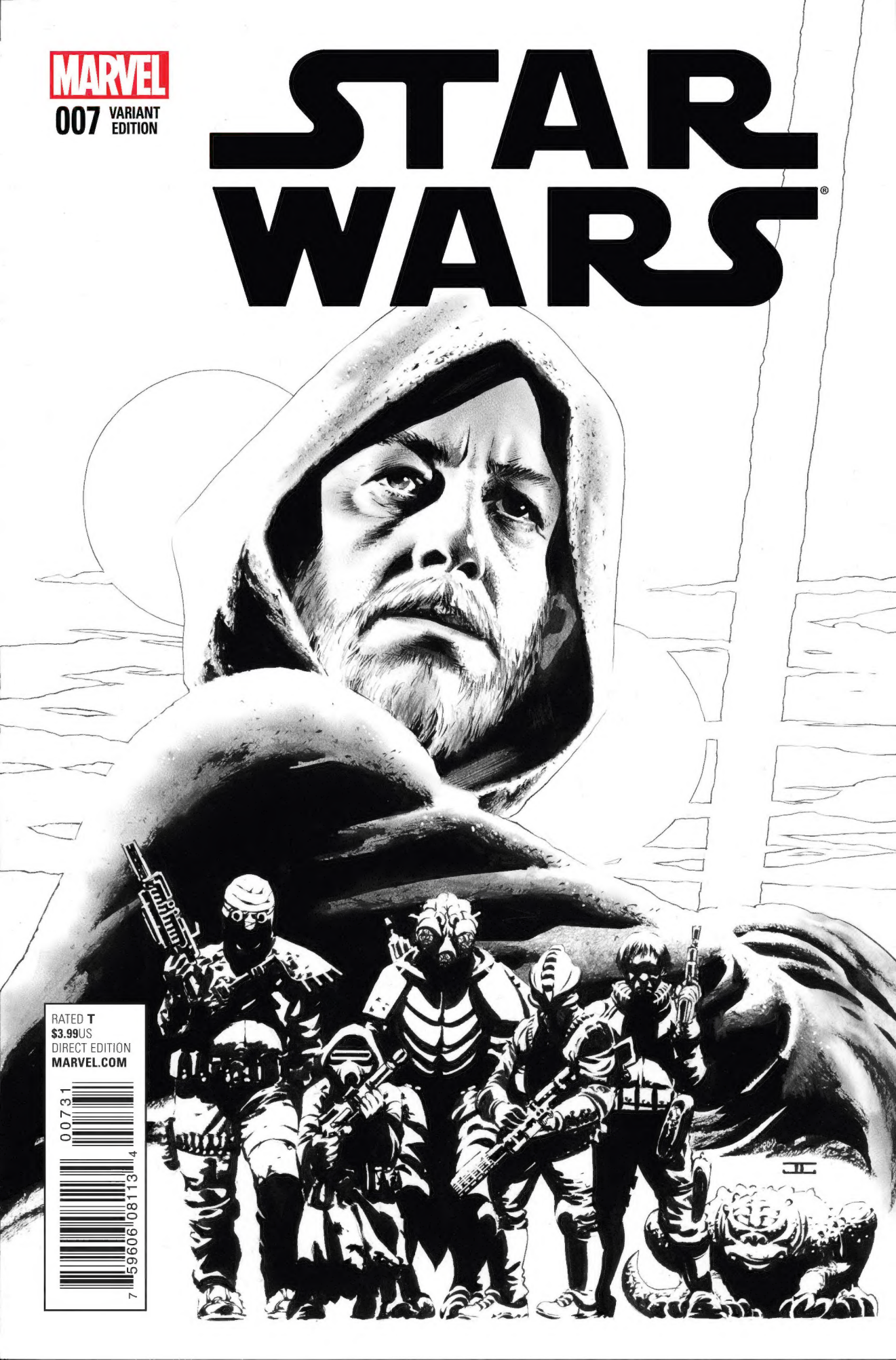
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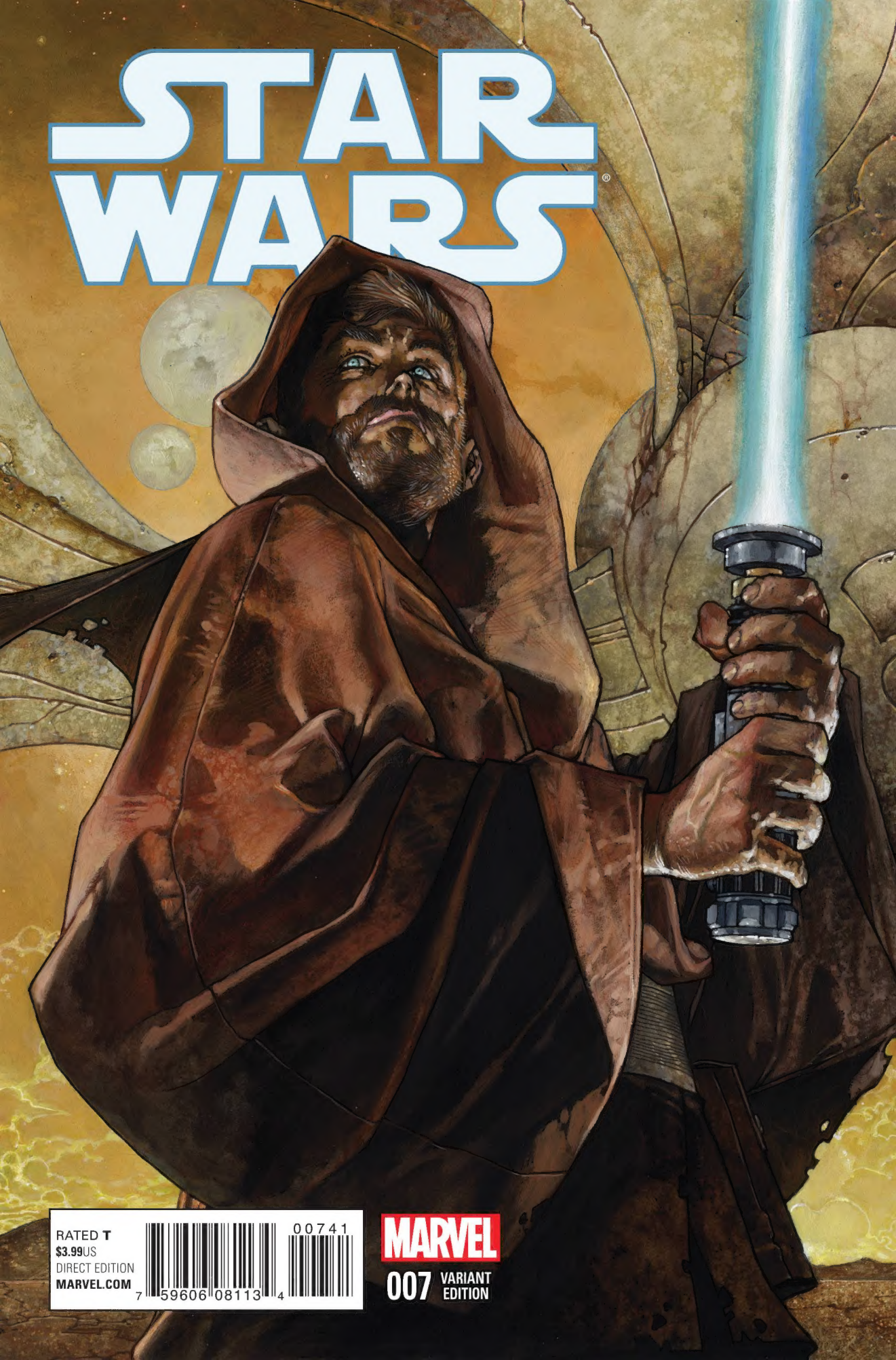
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FROM THE JOURNALS OF

OLD BEN KENOBI

"THE LAST OF HIS BREED"

WHILE SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS IN HIS

QUEST TO BECOME A JEDI,

LUKE SKYWALKER HAS UNCOVERED A

JOURNAL WRITTEN BY JEDI MASTER

OBI-WAN KENOBI, A JOURNAL THAT KENOBI

SPECIFICALLY LEFT BEHIND

FOR LUKE TO FIND. THE JOURNAL DETAILS

KENOBI'S ADVENTURES DURING THE TIME

HE WAS IN HIDING ON TATOOINE.

WHAT FOLLOWS IS AN EXCERPT

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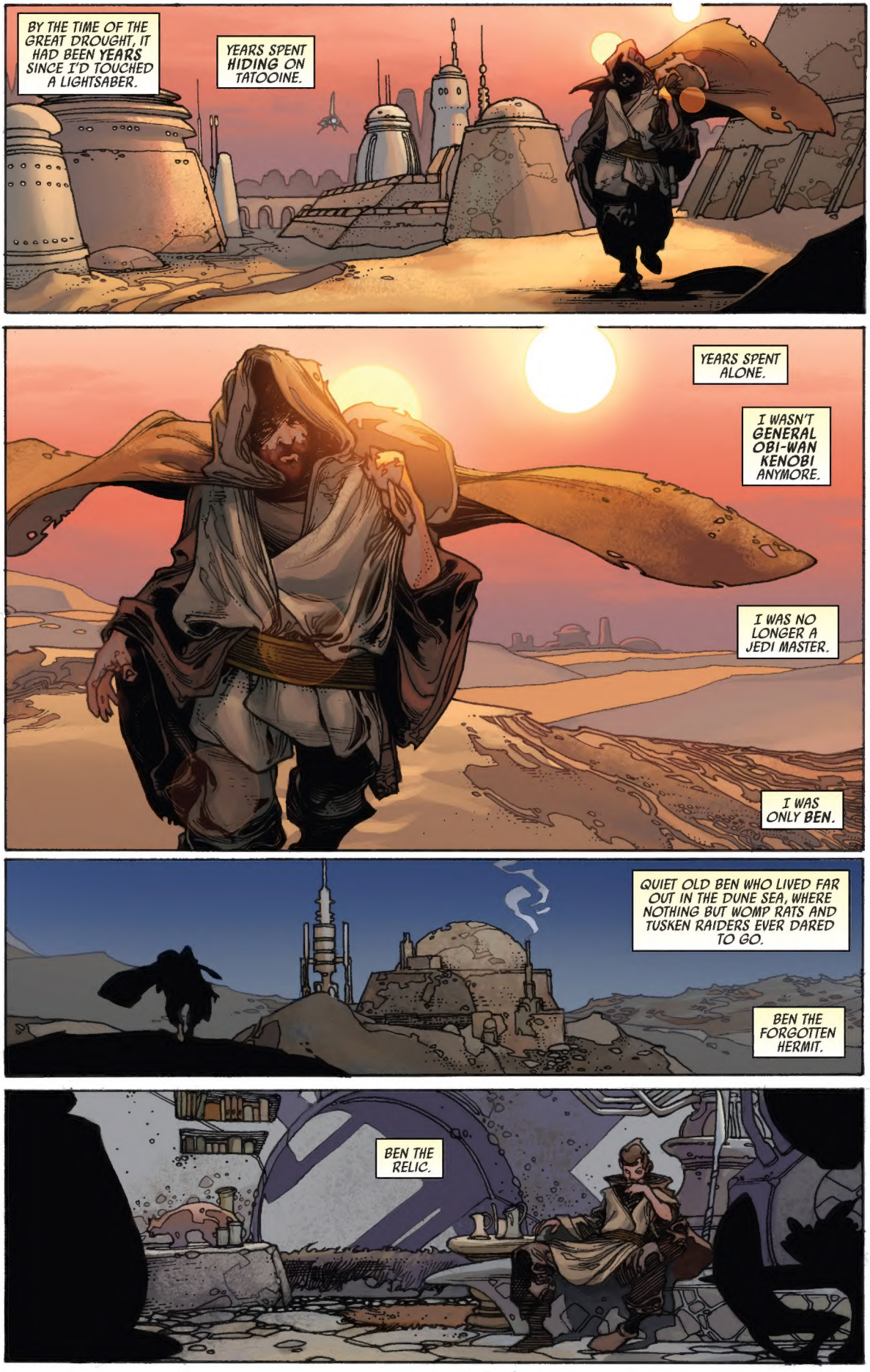
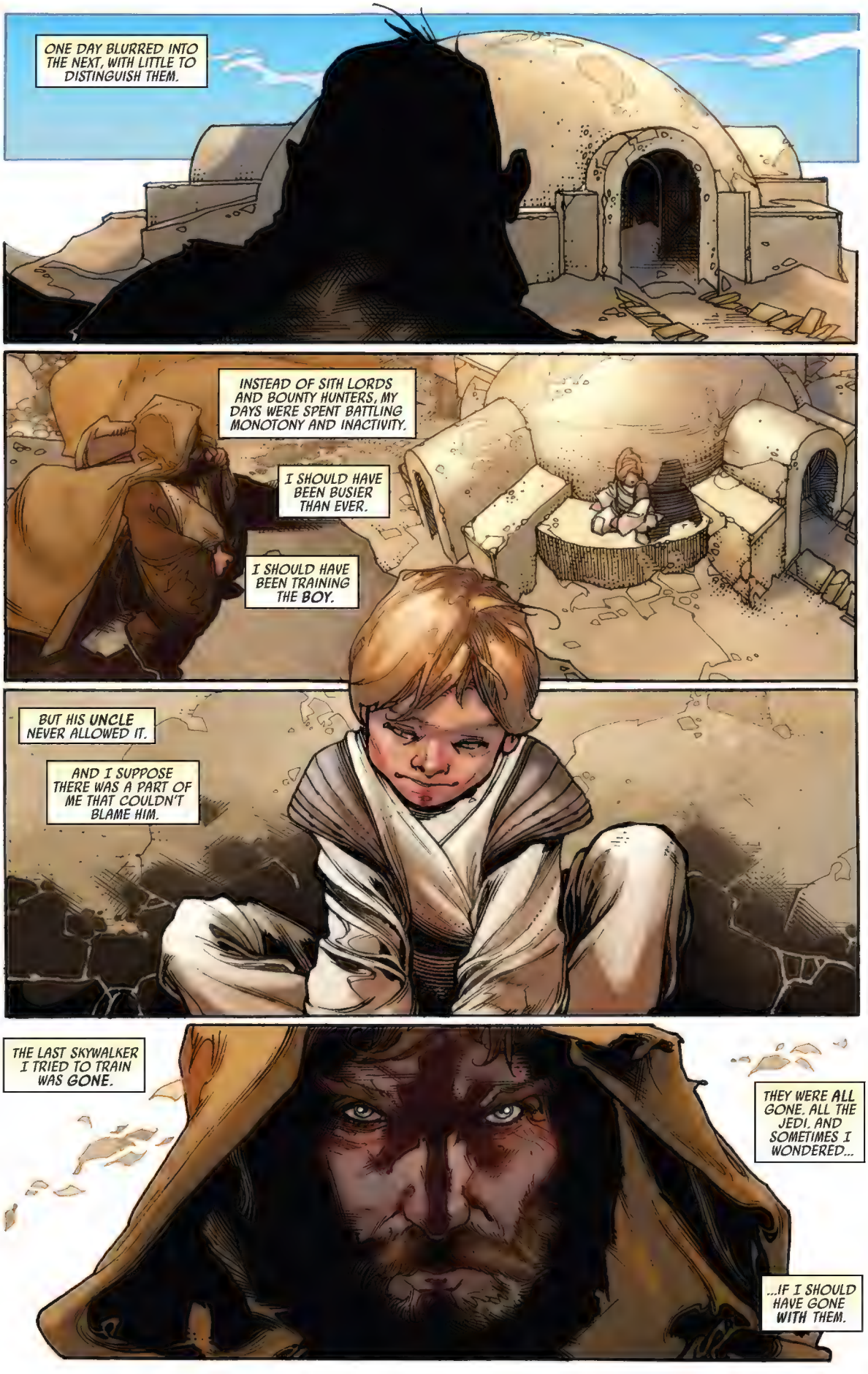
UGGGH!
TAKE IT ALL.
NO, PLEASE, THAT'S ALL THE WATER I HAVE TO SPARE.
YOU'RE A MOISTURE FARMER. FARM MORE.
BUT THE DROUGHT...IT TOOK MONTHS TO GATHER THAT MUCH. I NEED IT TO TRADE FOR FOOD.
PLEASE, I HAVE CHILDREN. YOU CAN'T DO THIS.
CAN'T?

MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO COME TELL *JABBA THE HUTT* TO HIS FACE WHAT HE CAN AND CAN'T DO.
HMM?
NO?
DIDN'T THINK SO.
HHNGGH!
GLUG GLUG
WE'LL BE BACK TOMORROW TO COLLECT MORE *TAXES!*
UNTIL THEN...I SUGGEST YOU ALL GET BACK TO WORK!
AS HARD AS IT WAS TO BECOME A JEDI...

...IT WAS EVEN HARDER TO STOP BEING ONE.
BUT I DID.


BY THE TIME OF THE GREAT DROUGHT, IT HAD BEEN YEARS SINCE I'D TOUCHED A LIGHTSABER.
YEARS SPENT HIDING ON TATOOINE.
YEARS SPENT ALONE.
I WASN'T GENERAL OBI-WAN KENOBI ANYMORE.
I WAS NO LONGER A JEDI MASTER.
I WAS ONLY BEN.
QUIET OLD BEN WHO LIVED FAR OUT IN THE DUNE SEA, WHERE NOTHING BUT WOMP RATS AND TUSKEN RAIDERS EVER DARED TO GO.
BEN THE FORGOTTEN HERMIT.
BEN THE RELIC.

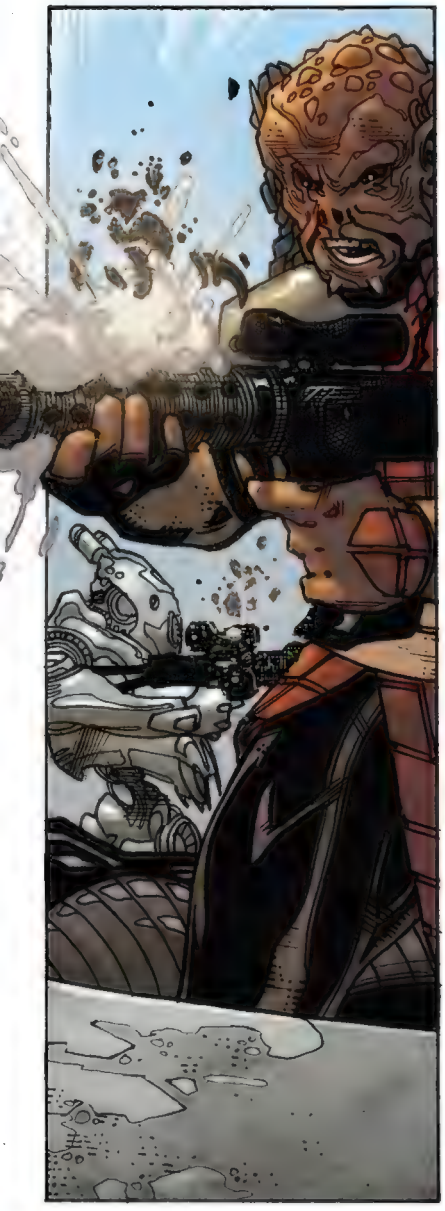

ONE DAY BLURRED INTO THE NEXT, WITH LITTLE TO DISTINGUISH THEM.
INSTEAD OF SITH LORDS AND BOUNTY HUNTERS, MY DAYS WERE SPENT BATTLING MONOTONY AND INACTIVITY.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN BUSIER THAN EVER.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN TRAINING THE BOY.
BUT HIS UNCLE NEVER ALLOWED IT.
AND I SUPPOSE THERE WAS A PART OF ME THAT COULDN'T BLAME HIM.
THE LAST SKYWALKER I TRIED TO TRAIN WAS GONE.
THEY WERE ALL GONE. ALL THE JEDI. AND SOMETIMES I WONDERED...
...IF I SHOULD HAVE GONE WITH THEM.

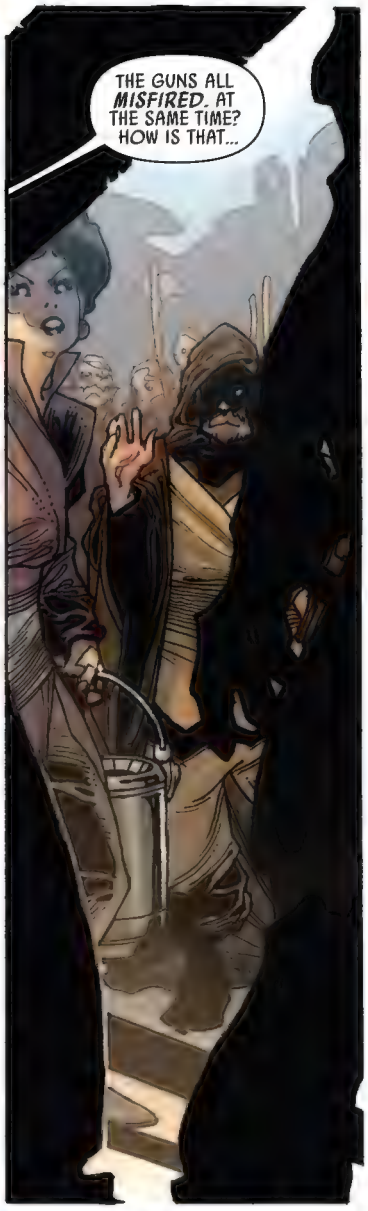
BUT I DID STILL HAVE ONE JOB TO DO.
AND I DID IT THE BEST I COULD.
BOOMM!!!
WHOSE PLACE IS THIS?
THE LARS FAMILY. ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS, THEY'VE... NEVER PAID THEIR WATER TAX. HOW DID WE LET THAT HAPPEN?
WE'LL MAKE UP FOR IT RIGHT NOW.
TAKE EVERY LAST DROP.
WHAT THE...?

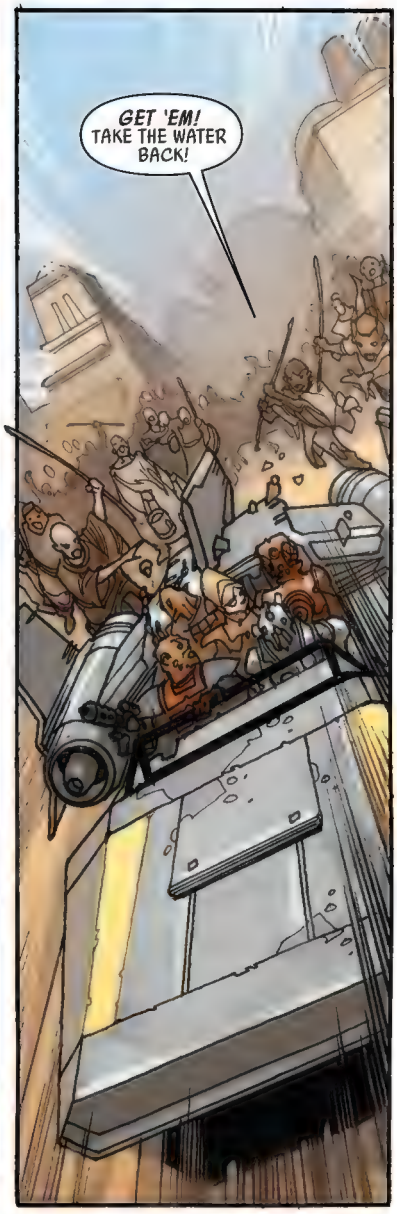
IT'S TOO HOT FOR DEATH WISHES, OLD MAN. MOVE ALONG AND DIE OF THIRST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE.
YOU'VE TAKEN ENOUGH WATER FOR THE DAY. YOU SHOULD HEAD BACK TO JABBA'S BEFORE A DUST STORM COMES.
AND I SHOULD MIND MY OWN BUSINESS.
WE'VE TAKEN ENOUGH WATER FOR THE DAY. WE SHOULD HEAD BACK TO JABBA'S BEFORE ONE OF THOSE DUST STORMS COMES.
AND YOU SHOULD MIND YOUR OWN DAMN BUSINESS, OLD MAN.
IF I COULDN'T TRAIN THE BOY, I COULD AT LEAST KEEP HIM SAFE...
...AND HOPE THERE WOULD COME A DAY WHEN HE'D REALIZE FOR HIMSELF...
...THAT HE WAS MEANT TO BE MORE THAN JUST A FARMER.

IT WAS THE WORST DROUGHT ANYONE COULD REMEMBER.
THE MOISTURE FARMERS COULD BARELY GATHER ENOUGH WATER FROM THEIR VAPORATORS TO KEEP THEMSELVES ALIVE, LET ALONE TO TRADE IN TOWN FOR FOOD AND SUPPLIES.
ESPECIALLY WITH JABBA'S THUGS COLLECTING "WATER TAXES."
RUMOR WAS THAT THE BLOATED GANGSTER TOOK LAVISH BATHS ALL THROUGHOUT THE DAY, LEST HE PERSPIRE IN THE HEAT. BUT I DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT RUMOR.
I'D MET JABBA.
JABBA HAD NEVER BATHED IN HIS LIFE.
BUT IT WAS NO RUMOR THAT PEOPLE WERE DYING.
AND I WAS LETTING IT HAPPEN.
YOU NEVER TRAINED ME FOR THIS, MASTER QUI-GON.
YOU NEVER TAUGHT ME HOW TO FADE AWAY.

"ROCKS? YOU WANT TO SELL ME ROCKS?"
YOU MUST BE HEAT-CRAZED, OLD MAN. PEOPLE HERE NEED WATER. YOU CAN'T DRINK FROM A STONE. GET OUTTA MY TENT.
THESE AREN'T STONES. AND YOU CAN DRINK FROM THEM.
THEY'RE BLACK MELONS THAT GROW IN THE JUNDLAND WASTES. WHEN YOU CRACK THEM OPEN, THERE'S MILK INSIDE.
IT TASTES HORRIBLE, BUT IT'S SAFE TO DRINK. TUSKEN RAIDERS HAVE BEEN DRINKING THEM FOR YEARS.
YOU SHOULD TELL THE FARMERS THAT THEY CAN FIND THEM IN--
THERE THEY ARE!
YOU CAN'T KEEP TAKING OUR WATER! PEOPLE ARE DYING!
GO BACK TO YOUR FARMS! ALL OF YOU! OR YOU'LL WISH YOU HAD!
NOT WITHOUT OUR WATER!
YOU WON'T NEED WATER ONCE YOU'RE DEAD.
TAKE THEM DOWN.




THE GUNS ALL *MISFIRED*. AT THE SAME TIME? HOW IS THAT...


GET 'EM! TAKE THE WATER BACK!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT AND I KNEW IT. THERE WAS TOO MUCH AT RISK.
AFTER THAT DAY...

I DECIDED IT WAS BEST IF I DIDN'T GO INTO TOWN ANYMORE.

THERE'S A STRENGTH AND NOBILITY IN *RESTRAINT.*
I KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOU'D TELL ME, MASTER QUI-GON.
BUT NOTHING ABOUT THIS FEELS *NOBLE.*
THE PEOPLE HERE ARE *DYING.* WHILE I DO NOTHING.
I CANNOT FIGHT AS A JEDI. I CANNOT TRAIN THE BOY.
I AM *LOST* HERE, MASTER. LOST AND...
OH NO.

I COULD SENSE IT FROM ACROSS THE DUNE SEA.
WHERE IS HE, OWEN? I CAN'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE!
THE ONE JOB I STILL HAD LEFT...
I HAD JUST FAILED AT.
LUKE!
LUKE, WHERE ARE YOU?!?
WELL NOW.
WHAT HAVE WE HERE, BOYS?

I CAUGHT HIM TRYING TO STEAL WATER OFF THE SPEEDER.
THAT RIGHT, KID? YOU WERE TRYING TO STEAL JABBA'S WATER?
IT'S NOT JABBA'S. IT BELONGS TO THE *FARMERS*. I WAS TAKING IT BACK.
ALL BY YOURSELF, HUH?
I'M...I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU.
HEH. YOU'RE A TERRIBLE LIAR, KID. WE'LL SEE IF YOU MAKE A BETTER SLAVE.
THROW HIM IN THE BACK WITH THE JUGS.

LIGHTS ALL BLEW.
YOU SURE YOU CAME ALONE, KID?
HUGGH?!
WHAT'S... SOMETHING GOT ME! I CAN'T...
WHAT'S DRAGGING HIM? THERE'S NOTHING THERE. THERE'S...
WHA... WHAAGGGGHHH!
THIS IS...HIGHLY IMPROBABLE.
THERE'S SOMETHING OUT THERE, PICKING US OFF ONE BY ONE! SHOOT IT!

OUTTA THE WAY, KID.
UGGH!
MY GUN...! I CAN'T HOLD IT! IT'S...
PERHAPS WE SHOULD HEAD BACK TO JABBA'S PALACE... JUST TO BE...
NO! WE STILL HAVE THE KID!
YOU HEAR ME OUT THERE?! WE HAVE THE BOY! STAY BACK OR WE KILL HIM!
I SWEAR TO YOU, I WILL GUT HIM LIKE A BANTHA AT--

BUT...BUT... HOW...
WE ONLY DID...WHAT JABBA...
AAHH!
HNNG!

UGGGHH

OWEN, HE'S HERE! LUKE'S HERE!
LUKE, ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT...WHAT HAPPENED? HOW DID I...
THE FARMERS GOT THEIR WATER BACK. ENOUGH TO SURVIVE A BIT LONGER.
ABOUT A WEEK LATER, THE DROUGHT FINALLY LIFTED AND THEIR VAPORATORS STARTED CHURNING AGAIN.
JABBA WAS ENRAGED AND VOWED TO SCOUR THE DESERT TO FIND THE THIEF.
BUT NO ONE KNEW WHO HE WAS. NOT THE GUARDS HE'D BEATEN OR THE FARMERS HE'D HELPED.
NO ONE KNEW WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE.
NO ONE KNEW WHAT TO CALL HIM.

MY NAME IS OBI-WAN KENOBI.
THE LAST OF MY ORDER.
BUT THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE JEDI.
ALL IT TOOK WAS A YOUNG BOY'S COURAGE TO ASSURE ME OF THAT.
LET US HOPE THAT SOMEDAY SOON...I CAN TELL THAT BOY THIS STORY.

AND SO MANY OTHERS.
MIND STEERING FOR A LITTLE BIT LONGER, ARTOO?
I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE'RE HEADED, BUDDY...
WHRRRRP BRIP REEP
...BUT I'M WORKING ON IT.

STAR WORDS

Write us at StarWars@Marvel.com if you want to make it into a future letters page. Don't forget to mark the letter "OK TO PRINT."

Hey there, everyone!

***Star Wars* editor Jordan D. White here. Welcome to our first issue exploring the journals of Old Ben! How did you like our tale of that crazy old wizard? Do you want to see more of his exploits? You'll have to write in to let us know at StarWars@Marvel.com! Speaking of which—let's get to some letters!**

Dear Marvel *Star Wars* Team,

From the moment I opened the first issue of the new comic series with the words "A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...." printed on the page, I knew that this was just the beginning of one of the greatest *Star Wars* adventures yet. I turned to page 1 and the words "STAR WARS" appeared in front of me, the John Williams fanfare blasting in my head, followed by a classic opening crawl. I feel as though these comics are able to perfectly mimic the feel of the characters, story and universe of the original trilogy. They fit in great, and it's really neat to see things like Vader slowly discovering that he has a son, how Luke's training went on between Episodes IV and V, and the big Han Solo wife reveal. It just proves that even after almost four decades, *Star Wars* still continues to amaze, surprise and entertain us all! Thank you for being able to take us to this galaxy far, far away again.

May the Force be with you,
Bobby Reif
Wilton, Connecticut

That first issue opening was a big hit with people, and I gotta agree—it went a LONG way to kicking things off with the classic *Star Wars* feel. So glad you're enjoying it!

Hi Jason and crew,

You all working on any Marvel's *Star Wars* comics are doing a phenomenal job of finding new ways of bringing new flavor to an already delicious saga. Moments like Vader's reaction to discovering Luke's identity and the bombshell revelation of Han's past not only makes me fall in love with them all over again but gives these already fantastic characters more depth and relatability, spicing up the original trilogy timeline while keeping its essence intact. I have nothing but admiration for the fine work you all have done thus far and can't wait to read more.

Thank you,
SamEyeAm

Thanks! Yeah—the question of when and how Vader learned Luke was his son was something we latched onto the first night of our first meeting with Jason and Kieron at Lucasfilm. As soon as we realized we could reveal that scene, we knew how epic it would be on the page.

Dear *Star Wars* Team,

I just wanted to send a quick note to say thanks for the quality comic books you all have been producing. Great writing and realistic artwork have crafted an experience equal to that of watching the original films. The characters are spot on and the action is intense.

Boba Fett vs. a blind pre-Jedi Luke Skywalker? How cool is that? Han Solo has a wife? Didn't see that coming.

Thank you all for bringing the fun back to *Star Wars* comics. It has been a spectacular first six issues. Here's to many more.

Make Mine Marvel!
Dan Florence

We hit on the idea of Luke fighting Boba Fett blind for two main reasons—one being so he would not really know it was Boba he was fighting, and two being to tap into Luke's blind training with the lightsaber on the *Falcon*. I didn't even notice what many fans have pointed out since the issue hit the stands: between this and his fate in *Return of the Jedi*, Mr. Fett seems to have a weakness against blind opponents!

Hello Marvel,

I wanted to write to you to say that I love what you are doing with your *Star Wars* issues. I'm 42 and just got in comics about 2 year ago when a friend at work let me read a huge omnibus of Captain America. I've been hooked since then. I went to my local comic book store (in my Jedi robes) in January to pick up *Star Wars* #1. I've been loving everything that has come out ever since. You have brought such freshness into the *Star Wars* story. I was not really a Boba Fett fan until I read what you've done with him. I also think Han Solo having a wife is a great move (because we all did stupid stuff in the 70s).

I know you are doing an Obi-Wan flashback, which I think sounds amazing. I'm wondering if you have plans to do a flashback of any other characters, like Yoda? Keep up the great work, and I will continue to have issues (small joke).

John Rozmiarek

How about that—already got one vote in favor of our Ben issue before it's even done! And you were never a Boba Fett fan?!? Not even when he rode that dinosaur in the holiday special? And he has a jet pack, man! Jet packs are so cool.

Dear Jedi,

As a very longtime reader of *Star Wars* throughout its various 4-color incarnations over the past 30 years, I would like to commend this particular run as one of the best ever!

In particular, Jason Aaron, John Cassaday and Laura Martin. I am amazed at how well thoughtout their ideas are, in regards to the current story line. They are so flawlessly logical.

Of course Vader would send agents to seek out who the young rebel pilot who came from Tatooine, his birth world! He would certainly seek out or sense the former presence of Obi-Wan as well. Everything makes sense, from Luke's old friends Fixer or Cammie. Brilliant! It makes you say "Why didn't I think of that?!"

I hope you will address how it is that Obi-Wan is a relatively young man when Luke is born and is quite old by the time Luke meets him only 18 years later.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the gorgeous artwork and brilliant color making this one of the best-looking books ever!

Keep up the great work, and may the Force be with you, always!

Yaakov Gerber

Your letter actually had us scouring IMDB to find out the ages of Ewan McGregor and Alec Guinness at the times of filming. By my calculations, if Ewan was playing just a little older than he actually was in Episode III, it would just about work out that he was Alec Guinness's age 20 years later. And I'm also glad you liked Fett's look into Wormie's past.

Hi, my name is Federico and I'm from Italy. I have just finished reading the sixth issue of *Star Wars* and... wooooow, Han Solo was... married???? This series is fantastic! I bought 7 copies of the first issue: the first one is in English (such as the most of the other issues) and the other 6 ones are some Italian EXCLUSIVE variants. I am a big fan of *Star Wars*, I hope you will publish my mail. Are you going to publish any comic book linked to *The Force Awakens?*

Well, goodbye from Italy!

Federico Bertetti

So glad you're liking our work! It's great to hear that it's traveling all over the world and getting just as great a reception as it did here. As for any comics related to *The Force Awakens*...that would be great, wouldn't it? We'll just have to wait until the Force's alarm clock goes off and see!

It has become customary now for me to drive down to my local comic dealer (The Nerd Store in SLC, UT) every Wednesday that a *Star Wars* comic is coming out. The gentleman there looks at me and says "Alright, *Star Wars*, let me go grab them." There's a reason I'm there every Wednesday, and that's because when I open those pages, I can always expect excellent art, storytelling, gritty fights, and finding out something new about these beloved characters I've grown up with. Thank you for the quality and passion of the work that you do, and letting us all go back to that galaxy far far away.

Anticipating the next adventure with wonder-filled eyes,

Josh

Every Wednesday is a holiday when you're a comic book fan! And hey—if you're looking for something to fill those *Star Wars*-less weeks, Marvel's got a couple of other books you can try!

I want to preface this letter with the disclaimer that I have no knowledge of the original Expanded Universe, and picking up Marvel's new *Star Wars* timeline was pretty much exactly what was needed to spur on the comic book bug (again).

I LOVE IT! Wednesday's have become the greatest thing ever (except when y'all delay issues...).

My only comments are WHAAA? With Han Solo having a bounty hunter wife! Just absolutely fantastic! I did have to sit back, and discuss with some of my incredibly knowledgeable *Star Wars* Expanded Universe friends to put some of the interactions into perspective. Come on. Luke and Vader face to face in issue #1?

But then it hit me. We are filling in the space, filling in the character development that is simply presumed (to someone behind the times on the Expanded Universe of course) between films. Both seeing Luke and Vader facing off, and the outrageous and increasingly hostile interactions between Leia and Han just felt far-fetched...but then again sit back and think about it... The hostility at the beginning of *Empire Strikes Back* between them is essentially at a boiling point.

Guys. Please do not stop. I want Lando, I want Fett. I want some epic new random rebel (that you can kill off in a mini-series before *Empire...*) WANT IT ALLLLLL!

May the Force be with you...always.

Covy in Canada

Far-fetched?!?! How dare you call any part of our stories about ancient alien space wizards far-fetched! It's practically a documentary, I tell you!

Hi,

I read issue #6 and let me tell you, it's probably the best one yet...but to be honest I say that with each new one that comes out. I had the opportunity to meet Jordan D. White and Heather Antos for Free Comic Book Day, and it was a blast! I'm actually 13 years old, just turned on June 17. I watched all the movies about three or four times. I have tons of merchandise and I'm obsessed with *Star Wars*. Now that these comics are out, I'm obsessed with *Star Wars* even more! It's probably an amazing experience being in this kind of universe and handling it so well. I'm so happy that these comics are a reality. Thank you!

Sarahi G.,

Jedi Master.

It was a pleasure to meet you and all the great fans who came out for Free Comic Book Day! Did I sign your comics in Aurebesh? I know I did for a couple of them. You heard me—I've learned how to write my name in Aurebesh, so anyone who wants my signature is free to ask for it that way. And yes, this might be one of the geekiest things I've ever done.

We'll see you all next month, when we learn a little more about this mysterious Sana person...

"I call it luck!"

Jordan D. White